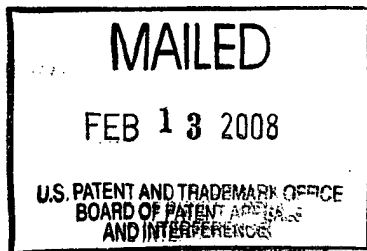


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte PER S. ANDERSEN
and
OVE T. JENSEN

Application 09/482,462

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received electronically at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on February 7, 2008. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being electronically returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below:

An examination of the Image File Wrapper (IFW) reveals that a Reply Brief was filed on August 16, 2004. In response, a Supplemental Examiner's Answer was mailed on January 4, 2007. This Answer is deficient pursuant to § 1207.05 of the Manual of Patent Examining


Procedure (MPEP) (Eighth Edition, Rev. 5, August 2006) which states that “[e]very supplemental examiner’s answer must be approved by a Technology Center (TC) director or designee.” It should be noted that TC 3600 only allows approval by the Director. Correction is required.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) for obtaining a Technology Center (TC) Director’s signature on the Supplemental Examiner’s Answer mailed January 4, 2007; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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